(a) has the Government received an application for Library grant from the Chalkkudi Cosmopolitan Reading Club;

(b) if so, what action has been taken on it ?

Mr. I. N. Menon— (a) Yes.

(b) It was ordered that grant cannot be given this year for want of funds and that the question will be considered along with the 1111 budget.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—As this matter has been brought to the notice of the Government yesterday, I don't wish to put supplementary questions.

Typists—superannuation of.

223. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of typists in the state service who have put in 25 or more years of service;

(b) when will the persons referred to in (a) be superannuated?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— (a) & (b) A statement containing the available information is appended. (*Vide Appendix V.*)

Prisoners—Central Jail.

224. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of convicts in the Central Jail giving separately

(a) life convicts;
(b) undergoing rigorous imprisonment;
(c) undergoing simple imprisonment for
  (i) default of money payments;
  (ii) other offences;
(d) under-trial prisoners;

(2) how many under each class can read and write

(a) Malayalam;
(b) English;

(3) for how many hours per day are the prisoners under (a) and (b) supra, worked;

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(4) are they given complete rest any day in the week;

(5) is there any library attached to the Central Jail for use of the convicts; and if so, how many books are there in

(a) Malayalam;

(b) English;

(6) are any Newspapers and Periodicals supplied to the convicts?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—

(1) (a) 32.
(b) 158. (Males 154 and 4 females).
(c) (i) 1.
(ii) 5. (Males 4 and 1 female).
(d) 1.

(2) (a) (a) 17.
(b) 95.
(c) (i) Nil. (ii) 1.
(d) Nil.
(b) (a) Nil.
(b) 3.
(c) (i) Nil. (ii) 2.
(d) Nil.

(3) The prisoners under (a) and (b) are made to work 7 hours a day.

(4) All the prisoners except those who are required for daily routine work are given complete rest on all Sundays.

(5) There is a small Library attached to the Jail and there are

(a) 292 Malayalam books.
(b) 1 English book.

(6) Newspapers are not supplied but there are two Periodicals.

Committees appointed for reforming the educational system of the State.

225. Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) how much the several committees appointed and inquiries made, during recent years for reforming the educational system in our State, have cost the Government;

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